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The Flag Is For All.

Let the flag be put out to-morrow, and until the election is over, and let the test of true patriotism be the banner of our country in its purity and integrity, with the tag of no party upon it claiming to own our country and voter. Let the unsullied flag outnumber sixteen to one, yea, a thousand to one, all others, and thus signify the exaltation of true patriotism above mere devotion to party as the lesson that this campaign as much as any other lesson teaches.

Let us all, as Mr. Bryan has done, fall in line with Mr. Hanna's flag idea, "show our colors," and on election day show our independence and unalterable devotion to principle as well as voting for the redemption of America from the bondage that through him Plutocracy seeks to perpetuate.

In this respect, let us follow, not Mr. Hanna, but Mr. Bryan, and not only Mr. Bryan but Mr. McKinley also, as he now proposes, to lead, but as he proposed, not many years ago, when he said in the first session of the forty-sixth Congress:

"If honest fair elections cannot be had, free government is a farce; it is no longer popular will be asked. Free government cannot be estimated by dollars not measured by cost."

Who of Mr. McKinley's most ardent supporters can truly affirm that he day-represents fair elections and free government? Who of them will deny that money—"dollars"—in almost unlimited amounts, are being used in this campaign to prevent an honest and fair expression of opinion? Every selfish interest that is opposed to free government, that sneers at popular institutions, that makes a market of legislation, that estimates everything "by dollars" is at this moment solidly united against Bryan and in favor of McKinley.

Justice to Mr. Seabury.

Editor Bloomfield Record:
BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Dear Sir:—I hear that there is a rumor going around East Orange that G. J. Seabury, President of the Seabury & Johnson Corporation, is coercing his employees to vote for Mr. McKinley and a Gold Basis.

I wish to state as a matter of justice to Mr. Seabury as well as myself that during my eleven years' connection with this concern I have never known Mr. Seabury to attempt to influence any one's vote, except by moral suasion and enthusiastic partisanship, and I doubt if he has ever known how his employees vote, except as they have voluntarily expressed themselves.

He has been politically unfortunate in his choice of treasurer, as for the past eleven years he has had no one in that position who has agreed with him; although he has good naturally attempted the conversion, so far without success, of Yours truly,
G. W. HOPPING.

Campaign Issues.

Editor of The Record:
The bones of contention in the coming election are Silver and Gold. The real fight is between capital and labor. If labor wins, it will win with the result that the same question can be asked of Capital (which is the gold side). This is said to be a campaign of education. One side tries to educate constituents to their side, and the other does the same. What difference does it make whether the purchasing power of a dollar is per half-cent?—Everything regular is tested, and like the money finds its own level. The Trusts in some cases lower prices to consumers, in other cases raise the smallest fry. It is the same with stocks. Railroads are necessary means of transportation. Freight rates are in most cases beyond reason. The road is obliged to pay interest on over four times as much. What does the road care?—Plenty. The platforms of the different political parties are good. A commission should be appointed, best principles picked out and the best adopted. Then something else would turn up. There some change would need to be made. We don't know where we are at. When will we?

C. W. BOYD.

The Republican Mass Meeting:
The Republican meeting held at Central Hall Wednesday night was the largest political turnout of the campaign. The various clubs packed the hall. Upon the platform were Freeholder Thomas McGowan, C. W. Powers, C. L. Potter, Thomas Oakes, G. Lee Stout, Halsey M. Barrett, John Newton, Wright C. Stout, Tunison Garabrant, John Lawrence, Benj. C. Haskell, George Pearson, J. R. Barrett, and others prominent in the Republican ranks. Halsey M. Barrett presided and made a speech, after which he introduced Congressman Fowler. The latter spoke for over an hour. After Joseph Atkinson of Newark had spoken, the meeting came to a close with three cheers for McKinley and Hobart.

The Old Church Re-opened.

On Sunday morning the First Presbyterian Church was reopened on Monday night for the purpose of granting a hearing to the members of the Montclair and Bloomfield Telegraph Company. Several members witnessed the bicycle parade in Orange and did not arrive until 8:30.

Chairman Stout stated that the object of the meeting was to hear the gentlemen who have formed a Telegraph Company. They request the privilege to maintain two wires on the principal streets of the town. This was said to be a large claim for a franchise.

R. W. Gardner, President of the Company, was the first speaker, and said that it was organized as a private company and was a source of education for young men and also enabled people to communicate with the business men and physicians. The intention of the Company was to have communication with private families. At present they have about forty connections. The wires are well strung and no line in town is safer than this one. The wires crossing streets are insulated. The Committee had notified the Company to incorporate or their wires would be cut. They did as requested and now ask for a franchise. All the members of the Company are citizens and taxpayers. There are no immediate intentions to extend wires. The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company have sixty wires in the town. The ushers whose duty it was to seat the multitude were most actively engaged as the response to the invitation had been so hearty as to create a doubt as to the possibility of accommodating so many young people. Finally when the call for quiet was given by the superintendent of the First church school, H. G. Dushow, there had been places found for nearly two thousand Sunday School scholars. Such hearty mingling of Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational and Episcopal voices in the grand old hymns was worth going far to hear. The pity was that there could be found no extra room for the good churchgoers of Bloomfield to meet also and hear their children sing. Five minute addresses were made by the various superintendents and many of the schools contributed substantially to the main part of the program. Notwithstanding the severe limitations which bounded the addresses there was as much in each for the expression of congratulation and good will as in the most inspiring sermons.

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Mr. Gardner again arose and said that if the Company should extend the wires they will charge the regular tariff rates of the Western Union Company. The wires at present extend principally through private property. No rates have been fixed upon.

The case was finally referred to the Legal Committee for a report next Monday night.

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Mr. Fisher requested permission to loan the new roller to Chas. E. McDowell, who will furnish security for the return of the town property. The request was complied with.

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A collection followed the address and slips of paper were passed on which individuals who were unprepared to give might make pledges which were later substantiated at the National bank.

Country Registration.—Complaints registry returns from clerks of election in the 134 voting precincts of the county show that the names of 72,834 citizens are enrolled. This is an increase of 3,978, as compared with the result of last year, when it was 63,456.

In the appended table is shown the registry in the city and townships:

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East Orange 4,417
West Orange 1,463
Bellefonte 1,251
Bloomfield 2,044
Montclair 268
Calwells Borough 268
Franklin 747
Glen Ridge Borough 392
Linden 322
Midtown 647
Montclair 2,709
Verona 401
Valvona 399
Total 72,834

Mr. Raynor Makes a Protest.—Edwin A. Raynor, before the Glen Ridge Borough Election Board Tuesday night, and made an examination of the register. He observed that the names of several Democrats were not on the list. Mr. Raynor remarked that the men omitted were those who had declared for Bryan and those who were on the Bryan and Western New York State. Mr. Raynor demanded an explanation from the Board, and was told that Mr. Wild's residence had been visited and that no one was at home. He had Mr. Wild's name added to the list.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night for the purpose of granting a hearing to the members of the Montclair and Bloomfield Telegraph Company. Several members witnessed the bicycle parade in Orange and did not arrive until 8:30.

The interior has been transformed and modernized to a surprising extent. The skill of the brush has beautified, and the art of the upholsterer has made luxurious that which before was severely plain.

The upper windows have all been replaced by new ones, which enhance the shades within by the amber light which filters through them. The lower windows will probably be replaced by memorials; the gift window presented by Judge Dodd, illustrative of Christ blessing little children, which had been greatly admired. The frescoing is elaborate and the treatment of the walls manifests a striking combination of tints. Dull green and terracotta are happily combined in the upholstering, the carpets, and cushions in the latter shade while the hangings are of the former.

A handsome reading desk, the gift of the King's Daughters, replaces the old pupit; new pipes have been added to the organ and new hymn books have been provided for use.

The morning service on Sunday was one of meditation, consisting of singing and responsive reading, singing of a hymn and hymn and an appropriate sermon by the pastor.

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